(ग) क्या सरकार इस शर्त को समाप्त करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) और (ख) स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को जारी मानार्थ कार्ड पास प्रारम्भ में एक वर्ष की अवधि के लिए वैध होते हैं, तत्पश्चात् प्रत्येक वर्ष स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों द्वारा पेंशन भुगतान आदेश प्रस्तुत करने पर नवीकरण किया जाता है। यह इसलिए आवश्यक है ताकि वर्ष दर वर्ष के आधार पर गृह मंत्रालय को डेविट करने और स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों की मौजूदा स्थिति का पता लगाने में भी मदद मिल सके।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Rules for issue of free railway passes

840. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any rules for the issue of free railway passes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of passes issued since July, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Complimentary Card Passes are issued at the personal discretion of the Minister of Railways, to eminent persons and organisations engaged in social, educational and welfare activities of National importance. Besides, cheque passes for specific journeys, are issued in deserving cases with the approval of Minister of Railways or Minister of State of Railways or Members of Railway Board.

(c) Complimentary card passes issued from 01.07.96 to 25.02.97:

(i) Card Pass	—217
(ii) Cheque Pass	—5306

Dismantling of Rail Bridge Across Krishna River

841. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an old rail bridge over the Krishna river near Vijayawada was dismantled on the South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the quantity of steel retrieved; and

(c) the details of the exact resultant financial and commercial gain for the Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Around 5200 metric tonnes.

(c) The steel girders (12 nos) recovered from the Bridge have been sold at Rs.3.00 crore on 'As-is-where-is' basis by calling tenders.

Detachment of First Class Coaches on Trains

842. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the trains on which first class coaches were detached during the last four years together with the names of the trains to which A.C. 3-tier coaches were attached during this period; and

(b) the names of the trains to which A.C. 3-tier coaches are proposed to be attached during the year 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) During the last four years First class coach has been withdrawn from the folowing Broad gauge Mail/Express trains (till 31.1.1997):

1. 1005/1006 Vidharbha Express
2. [illegible] Express
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]
5. [illegible] Express
6. [illegible]

7. 1067/1068 Saket Express
8. 1069/1070 Express
9. 1093/1094 Mahanagari Express
10. 1269/1270 Express
11. 1439/1440 Sewagram Express
12. 1449/1450 Mahakoshal Express
13. 2401/2402 Shramjeevi Express
14. 2403/2404 Pooja Express
15. 2311/2312 Kalka Mail
16. 2391/2392 Magadh Express
17. 2479/2480 Goa Express
18. 2615/2616 G.T. Express
19. 2621/2622 Tamil Nadu Express
20. 2955/2956 Express
21. 3005/3006 Mail
22. 3029/3030 Coalfield Express
23. 3035/3036 Express
24. 3071/3072 Express
25. 3111/3112 Lal Quila Express
26. 3141/3142 Teesta Torsha Express
27. 3153/3154 Gour Express
28. 3317/3318 Black Diamond Express
29. 3467/3468 vikramshila Express
30. 4009/4010 Ekta Express
31. 4033/4034 Jammu Mail
32. 4055/4056 Brahmputra Mail
33. 4057/4058 Kashi Vishwanath Express
34. 4123/4124 Express
35. 4163/4164 Sangam Express
36. 4229/4230 Lucknow Mail
37. 4517/4518 Unchahar Express
38. 4553/4554 Himachal Express
39. 4555/4556 Bareilly Express
40. 4629/4630 Express
41. 4645/4646 Shalimar Express
42. 4309/4310 Ujjaini Express
43. 4633/4634 Ravi Express
44. 4587/4588 Chandigarh Express
45. 5003/5004 Chauri Chaura Express
46. 5063/5064 Avadh Express
47. 5207/5208 Express
48. 5203/5204 Express
49. 5027/5028 Maurva Express
50. 5621/5622 North East Express
51. 6303/6304 Vanchinad Express.
52. 6089/6090 Yelagiri Express
53. 6307/6308 Express
54. 6519/6520 Express
55. 6673/6674 Cheran Express
56. 7001/7002 Hussainsagar Express
57. 7003/7004 Falaknuma Express
58. 7015/7016 Visakha Express
59. 7007/7008 Godavari Express
60. 7031/7032 Express
61. 7043/7044 Circar Express
62. 7053/7054 Express
63. 7059/7060 Charminar Express
64. 7047/7048 Gautami Express
65. 7303/7304 Sayadari Express
66. 7383/7384 Maharashtra Express
67. 7487/7488 Tirumala Express
68. 7663/7664 Express
69. 2841/2842 Coromandal Express
70. 2859/2860 Geetanjali Express
71. 8005/8006 Express
72. 8233/8234 Narmada Express
73. 8237/8238 Chattisgarh Express
74. 8189/8190 Tata-Alleppy Express
75. 8689/8690 Bokaro-Alleppy Express
76. 8477/8478 Utkal Express
77. 8517/8518 Link Express
78. 2903/2904 Golden Temple Mail
79. 9005/9006 Saurashtra Mail
80. 9101/9102 Gujarat Mail
81. 9303/9304 Intercity Express
82. 9305/9306 Shipra Express
83. 9215/9216 Saurashtra Express

Following trains have been provided with A.C.3 tier coaches during the last four years:

1. 1005/1006 Vidharbha Express
2. 1033/1034 Pushpak Express
3. 1037/1038 Punjab Mail
4. 1063/1064 Chennai Express
5. 1093/1094 Mahanagari Express
6. 2301/2302 New Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express
7. 2305/2306 Rajdhani Express
8. 2303/2304 Poorva Express
9. 2381/2382 Poorva Express
10. 2309/2310 Rajdhani Express
11. 2311/2312 Kalka Mail
12. 2307/2308 Express
13. 2391/2392 Magadh Express
14. 2903/2904 Golden Temple Mail
15. 2951/2952 Rajdhani Express
16. 2953/2954 August Kranti Rajdhani Express
17. 2471/2472 Swarajya Express
18. 2473/2474 Express
19. 2475/2476 Express
20. 2477/2478 Express

21. 2401/2402 Shramjeevi Express
22. 2403/2404 Pooja Express
23. 2413/2414 Express
24. 4057/4058 Kashi Vishwanath Express
25. 4229/4230 Lucknow Mail
26. 2553/2554 Vaishali Express
27. 5621/5622 N.E. Express
28. 2615/2616 G.T. Express
29. 2621/2622 Tamil Nadu Express
30. 2723/2724 Andhra Pradesh Express
31. 2417/2418 Prayagraj Express
32. 2421/2422 Rajdhani Express
33. 2423/2424 Rajdhani Express
34. 2425/2426 Rajdhani Express
35. 2429/2430 Rajdhani Express
36. 2431/2432 Rajdhani Express
37. 6519/6520 Express
38. 6045/6046 Navjeevan Express
39. 6673/6674 Cheran Express
40. 2633/2634 Rajdhani Express
41. 7001/7002 Hussainsagar Express
42. 7007/7008 Godavari Express
43. 7031/7032 Express
44. 7059/7060 Charminar Express
45. 2801/2802 Purshottam Express
46. 4055/4056 Brahmputra Mail
47. 2841/2842 Coromandal Express
48. 2859/2860 Geetanjali Express
49. 2955/2956 Express
50. 2961/2962 Avantika Express
51. 9101/9102 Gujarat Mail

(b) A.C. 3 tier sleeper coach is proposed to be provided on the following trains by March '97:

1. 3143/3144 Darjeeling Mail
2. 2625/2626 Kerala Express
3. 5659/5660 Kamrup Express

Services to be provided with such coaches during April to December' 97 has not yet been finalised.

Noise pollution by trains

843. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Medical Research has stated that noise from trains is posing health risk to passengers, railway staff engine drivers and even people on platforms;

(b) how the noise level in India compares with average international noise level; and

(c) the steps being taken to bring down the level of noise of the Indian railways system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) No such communication has been received from Indian Council of Medical Research. No comparable data about noise level in India and abroad in the above mentioned areas is available. Coach design incorporates noise suppression through an insulating layer of suitable material.

जर्मन की फर्म से क्रेन की खरीद

844. श्री कृष्ण कुमार बिरला:
श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने 140 टन भार उठाने की क्षमता वाली क्रेनों की खरीदने के लिए जर्मन की एक फर्म के साथ एक सौदे को अंतिम रूप दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किन-किन संस्थानों से कितनी क्रेनें खरीदने का सौदा हुआ है और उनकी क्रमानुसार लागत क्या है और क्रेनों की सुपुर्दगी कब तक होना तय है;

(ग) क्या उपर्युक्त प्रकार की क्रेनों का उत्पादन देश में किया जाता है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो अन्य देशों से उनके आयात के क्या कारण हैं और क्या इस सौदे को अंतिम रूप देने से पहले अन्य विदेशी फर्मों से भी निविदाएं आमंत्रित की गई थीं, यदि हां, तो उन फर्मों के नाम क्या हैं;

(ङ) क्या खरीदे जाने के लिए प्रस्तावित क्रेनें पुरानी हैं और क्या उनकी खरीद के बारे में अधिकारिक आपत्तियां थीं; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इन पुरानी क्रेनों को खरीदने का क्या औचित्य है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) जी हां।